

Department of the Army, DoD

§ 578.58

(4) San Bernardino Canon, Mexico, December 26, 1917.

(5) Le Grulla, Texas, January 8 and 9, 1918.

(6) Pilaes, Mexico, March 28, 1918.

(7) Nogales, Arizona, November 1 to 5, 1915 or August 27, 1918.

(8) El Paso, Texas, and Juarez, Mexico, June 15 and 16, 1919.

(9) Any action against hostile Mexicans in which U.S. troops were killed or wounded between April 12, 1911 and February 7, 1917.

(1) *Mexican Border Service Medal.* This medal was established by the act of July 9, 1918 (40 Stat. 873). It was awarded for service between May 9, 1916 and March 24, 1917, or with the Mexican Border Patrol between January 1, 1916 and April 6, 1917, to persons not eligible for the Mexican Service Medal.

§ 578.56 United States Unit Awards.

(a) *Intent.* Awards are made to organizations when the heroism displayed or meritorious service performed is a result of group effort.

(b) *Announcement.* All unit awards approved at HQDA will be announced in HQ, DAGO.

(c) *Presentation.* Unit awards will be presented at an appropriate formal ceremony at the earliest practicable date after the award is announced. FM 22-5 prescribes the ceremony for presentation of unit awards at a formal review.

§ 578.57 Presidential Unit Citation.

(a) *Criteria.* The Presidential Unit Citation (PUC) (re-designated from the Distinguished Unit Citation on November 3, 1966) is awarded to unit of the Armed Forces of the United States and cobelligerent nations for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy occurring on or after December 7, 1941. The unit must display such gallantry, determination, and esprit de corps in accomplishing its mission under extremely difficult and hazardous conditions as to set it apart from and above other units participating in the same campaign. The degree of heroism required is the same as that which would warrant award of a Distinguished Service Cross to an individual. Extended periods of combat duty or participation in a large number

of operational missions, either ground or air is not sufficient. This award will normally be earned by units that have participated in single or successive actions covering relatively brief time spans. It is not reasonable to presume that entire units can sustain Distinguished Service Cross performance for extended periods except under the most unusual circumstances. Recommendations for units larger than brigade will not be submitted.

(b) *Awarding authorities.* Approval authority for award of the PUC is the President of the United States who delegated authority to the Service Secretaries.

(c) *Award elements.* The award elements for the PUC (Army) are as follows:

- (1) PUC Streamer (Army);
- (2) PUC Emblem (Army);
- (3) PUC Certificate and Citation;
- (4) DAGO.

(d) *Description.* The PUC Emblem is 1 $\frac{7}{16}$ inches wide and $\frac{9}{16}$ inch in height. The emblem consists of a $\frac{1}{16}$ inch wide gold frame with laurel leaves, which encloses an ultramarine blue 67118 ribbon.

§ 578.58 Valorous Unit Award.

(a) *Criteria.* The Valorous Unit Award (VUA) may be awarded to units of the Armed Forces of the United States for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy of the United States while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force or while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party for actions occurring on or after August 3, 1963.

(b) *Requirements.* The VUA requires a lesser degree of gallantry, determination, and esprit de corps than that required for the Presidential Unit Citation. Nevertheless, the unit must have performed with marked distinction under difficult and hazardous conditions in accomplishing its mission so as to set it apart from and above other units participating in the same conflict. The degree of heroism required is the same as that which would warrant award of the Silver Star to an individual. Extended periods of combat